

Announcements

February 1, 2026

Today

We welcome **The Rev. Erika L. Wesch**, assistant to the bishop for formation of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA to our worship service this morning to help us celebrate the ministry of Vicar Nikki.

The sponsor signups for 2026 have been added to the sign-up genius on the church's website. Click on the link

newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026 or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: George Trowbridge, head usher; Bryce Manthorne, usher; Maddie Hansley, lector; Ariel Hansley, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Erica Lucas and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Scouts serving as ushers, lectors, children's sermon and acolyte

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Terry Santangelo.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

Have a pastoral emergency?

Contact Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

This Week

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Town Hall Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1
J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21
KFC Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary
J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:15 AM,
 room 15
Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33
Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack #367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14,
 27-34, 36-37
Sunshine Grace Learning Center Open House – Tuesday,
 5:00 – 7:00, rooms 21-33
Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
NHELC Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, WQ Diner in Pottstown
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 1
Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 27
God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub in Bally
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34
Pinewood Derby Set Up – Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, rooms 1, 14
Pinewood Derby – Saturday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, rooms 1, 14
Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online
Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Special Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM,
 sanctuary
Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1
J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21
KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary
J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:15 AM,
 room 15

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Upcoming Events

A special congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, February 8th, immediately following the worship service. This will be the first vote to approve the proposed amendments to the congregation's constitution, changes to the by-laws and changes to the continuing resolutions. Members are encouraged to attend one of the two Town Hall meetings to discuss the items for the vote. Town Hall meetings are scheduled today following the worship service and on Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday The Picnic Committee wants to help you enjoy the Super Bowl on February 8th by providing delicious, homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the game. Beef vegetable, chicken pot pie and chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 AM church service on February 8th. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment.

New Hanover's Got Talent! Fastnacht Social & Talent Show Sunday, February 15th, 10:15 AM Everyone is blessed with a talent. What's yours? Here's an opportunity to showcase your talent. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts! Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Nikki Young or Patricia Nyce to sign up. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Help Needed

Pottstown Cluster NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall, and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the January issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Mission Service folks need your help! Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high Sunday School class decorated a box that is sitting in the welcome center for your donations.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out “Your Voice from the Pew” card, located in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it’s free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact Nikki Young.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELCC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

You Can Help

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELCC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1.) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples,**

oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2.) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3.) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



Additional Information

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the church office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Grieving: Family and friends of Carol Estes

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	William Trotter	Kathy Kane
Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger
Pr. Kork Moyer	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Robert Ganovsky	Dorothy Bingaman
Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care
Deb Matthews	Marceline	Anne Eshleman
Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger	Pena family
Kim Frain	Jen Perez	Frank D.
Pam Helfrich	Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke
Janet	Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler
Louise Karns	Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Verdie Smith
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey
Chuck Beck	Rich Freed	Joe
Joe	Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer
David Helfrich, Sr.	Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
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